

A RESOLUTION

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BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND
ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ENHANCE
THE CITY'S READINESS TO PREVENT OR RESPOND TO A
TERRORIST ATTACK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is committed to assuring the security of all citizens who live, work or visit the City and this commitment includes readiness to both prevent and respond to terrorist threats, and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security is presently accepting proposals from potential grantees to design and implement a training program intended to enhance local readiness for terrorist threats, and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta is prepared to partner with an educational professional to design, develop and implement a terrorism preparedness program that may be used as a model for other local governments that seek to likewise prepare to enhance their readiness to prevent or respond to terrorist threats.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

Section one: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to apply for and accept a grant not to exceed \$200,000 from the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Section two: that the Mayor is further authorized to execute all related agreements pertaining to this grant funded program.

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Caption A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FOR A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S READINESS TO PREVENT OR RESPOND TO A TERRORIST ATTACK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2005

Legislation Title: Homeland Security Training

Requesting Dept.: Police

Contract Type: Grant

Source Selection: Not applicable

Bids/Proposals Due: Not applicable

Invitations Issued: Not applicable

Number of Bids/ Not applicable
Proposals Received: Not applicable

Bidders/Proponents: Not applicable

Justification Statement: The Atlanta Police Department seeks to partner with a professional educator/trainer to design a model training program to maximize the effectiveness of local government preparedness for terrorist activity. This new training program will be designed for ultimate presentation to City personnel. After the training curriculum is prepared and fine tuned it will be offered as a model for local governments nationally.

Background: The Atlanta Police Department requires intensive, relevant training, along with other City Departments to act pro-actively to prevent terrorist attacks and to respond effectively in the event of an actual attack. In the event of an attack, departmental employees must be trained to act swiftly to minimize the impact of the attack and restore normal City services rapidly. Training efforts may also entail developing skills so that City personnel may act to develop and train citizens to respond in the event of an attack. Essentially, this program will be designed to comprehensively train employees to respond effectively to a variety of terrorism scenarios.

Fund Account Center: To be assigned by the Department of Finance upon award of the grants.

Source of Funds: United States Department of Homeland Security

Fiscal Impact: None, 100% grant funded

Term of Contract: One year

Method of Cost Recovery: Not applicable

Approvals:

DOF:

DOL:

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CITY OF ATLANTA

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Atlanta Police Department
Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

March 18, 2005

Shirley Franklin, Mayor
City of Atlanta
55 Trinity Avenue, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303


Dear Mayor Franklin:

The Atlanta Police Department has an opportunity to apply for a new grant to design and implement a training program for City employees to enhance our effectiveness in terms of preventing and responding to terrorist threats. This training program offers a broad spectrum of potential benefits, not only for the Atlanta Police Department, but also to enhance the effectiveness of other City departments.

I request that you forward the attached RESOLUTION to City Council for consideration to authorize the Atlanta Police Department to apply for this grant.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Pennington
Chief of Police

RJP:drb

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

To Mayor's Office: Greg Pridgeon

(for review and distribution to Executive Management)

Chief of Police Signature: [Signature]

Assistant Chief Signature: [Signature]

Deputy Chief Signature: [Signature]

From: Originating Dept.: POLICE

Contact (Name): Dan Boozer 817-6782

Committee(s) of Purview: PUBLIC SAFETY/LEGAL

Committee Deadline: April 11, 2005

Committee Meeting
Dates: April 26-27, 2005

City Council Meeting
Date: May 2, 2004

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BACKGROUND/PURPOSE/DISCUSSION:

THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO SEEK GRANT FUNDING FOR A PARTNERSHIP WITH AN EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROFESSIONAL TO DESIGN, DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A TRAINING PROGRAM TO ENHANCE THE CITY'S READINESS TO PREVENT, RESPOND TO AND MITIGATE TERRORIST THREATS. THIS TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE DESIGNED IN SUCH A FASHION AS TO PERMIT REPLICATION BY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any):

NONE.

PERSONNEL IMPACT:

NONE.

Mayor's Staff Only

Received by Mayor's Office (Date): 3.22.05 [Signature]

Reviewed (Initials): [Signature]

Date: _____

Action by Committee:

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